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## **Governor Brownback announces appointment of new Chief Counsel**

**Topeka** - Kansas Governor Sam Brownback today announced the appointment of Brant Laue as his Chief Counsel. He will join the administration staff on Nov. 4, 2013.

"Brant brings extensive legal experience to this position and possesses a deep knowledge and understanding of the law," Governor Brownback said. "I am pleased to welcome him to the team."

Born in Hanover, Kan., Laue is a 1986 graduate of the Cornell Law School in Ithaca, New York. He was a note editor for the Cornell Law Review and was awarded the Order of the Coif.

After graduation Laue clerked for the Honorable Roger L. Wollman, Circuit Judge in the Eighth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in South Dakota and served as Special Assistant to the Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division, in the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. He currently is partner with Armstrong Teasdale LLP in Kansas City.

"I am honored to have this opportunity to serve the Governor and Kansas," Laue said.

Laue is a partner in his family's ranch, Laue Charolais Ranch, which includes one of the Midwest's oldest purebred Charolais cattle breeding establishments. He is active in the Thoroughbred horse community as a horse owner and breeder and is the current Chairman of the Board of Governors for the American Royal Livestock, Horse Show and Rodeo.

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